(i) provide for functions and powers of the National Bank in relation to thrift services and micro financial services;

(j) provide for constitution of Micro Finance Development and Equity Fund to be utilized for the development of micro finance sector;

(k) empower the National Bank to frame a scheme for appointment of one or more Micro Finance Ombudsman for settlement of disputes between eligible clients and Micro Finance Organisations;

(l) provide for offences and penalties for non-compliance with the regulatory requirements of the Bill;

(m) to empower Central Government to prescribe Rules for carrying out the purposes of the Bill;

(n) to empower the National Bank to make regulations with the previous approval of the Central Government for carrying out the purposes of the Bill.

Grant for construction of Narmada Main Canal

*572. SHRI VIJAYKUMAR RUPANI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is inclined to provide special financial grant for construction of Narmada Main Canal; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ): (a) and (b) The Government of India is providing financial assistance under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme for expeditious completion of Narmada Main Canal and its distribution net work. Total Central Assistance provided to the Sardar Sarovar Project including Narmada Main Canal since its inclusion in AIBP is of Rs. 5375.3585 crore which also includes Rs. 1344.8585 crore as grant.

Losses to Indian carriers

†*573. MS. SUSHILA TIRIYA:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the airlines are running in losses;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has taken any steps to bring these airlines out of the red;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether flights of Indian are proposed to be linked to Raipur, the capital of Chhattisgarh and Bhopal, the capital of Madhya Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A combination of factors such as high Aviation

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.